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SUFFRAGE RIGHT IN THE DISTRICT

Unalterably Opposed to Self- TUBE FROM GAS Government for Washingtonians.

CHANGES PROMISED AMONG OFFICIALS

Is Deeply Interested in Sanitary Improvements-Undecided on One-Man Rule.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 3.-Citizens of the District of Columbia

Whether the present form of government in the District is to be pre- ber shop, called to Policeman J. P. ferred to the proposed plan of "one-man rule" is a question on the building and found Morrison which the President-elect has as yet reached no decision. But he is determined to oppose any proposition the National Capital.

Mr. Taft is deeply attached to the city of Washington, and he has already given its affairs and its future careful thought. He regards it as the property and the pride of the entire country, and he is determined to obtain for it from Congress and from its municipal government such treatment as will give it a fast impetus toward greater prestige over all other cities of the civilized world.

Will Be Changes. In line with his deep concern regardng the city, it is not too much to administration there will be man changes in the personnel of the officials of the District government.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Taft wants Washington to be the model for all other cities in its Government in its beauty, in its hygiene and in its care of its people. He does not think ican friends of Charlemagne Tower, that at this time it is a model, and he is strong in his decision to improve the conduct of its government.

He realizes that the municipal govern ment is somewhat hampered by the fact that it depends on the appropria- Tagblatt, tions made by Congress and on the presentation of its affairs to the Dis- tive knowledge of the correctness of its trict Committees in the House and Senate. But he believes that even with this difficulty to contend with, better Tagblatt says, for the reason that Engthings can be done for Washington han land has intimated that Tower would be

have been done in the past. For Poorer Classes.

One thing on which he is particularly David Jayne Hill, Tower's successor at emphatic is his desire to improve hous- Berlin. Despite the unfavorable inciing conditions and the general sanitary dents attending Dr. Hill's assumption of situation among the poorer classes. He the Berlin post, due to the Kaiser's has been informed that there are sec- hasty objection, the American ambassations or locations in Washington which dor is now one of the most liked men in have tenement evils as pronounced as the foreign diplomatic corps and Gerthose to be found in other large cities, many is anxious to have him retained

If additional legislation is needed to do away with these conditions, he will recommend such legislation in his message; to Congress.

The President-elect strongly favors the uniting into one bureau all the various agencies scattered through several departments of the Government for the preservation of the public health. And it is more than probable that, when the work of consummating this union is done, the District of Columbia will benefit from it.

This does not mean the abolition of the Health Department of the District government, but it does mean the sub-ordination of it to the Federal bureau or at least a closer and compulsory co-operation between it and the Federal bureau.

Hustle and Enterprise.

As regards all the departments of the municipal government, Mr. Taft desire that they be characterized by hustle an enterprise and progressiveness. If he has his way he will inaugurate a regime where good red blood and the get up-and-get-qualities will keep the city of Washington always on the quick step are utterly in the dark today regardtoward that condition which will make ing the much discussed movements of

It a model.

His conviction that the present situation is unsatisfactory is in the nature of a prophecy that there will be changes in the personnel of the officials. His

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WEATHER REPORT.

Local rains have occurred in the Gulf States, and in the Ohio Valley and lower lake region and they may continue. Threatening weather is probable in the Atlantic Coast section, but little rain, however, will fall.

Temperatures will continue mild in Eastern sections for the next two or three days.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT. Threatening and unsettled tonight and Monday. Continued mild temperature

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Sun	SUN TABLE.

CRAZED BY ILLNESS HE ENDS HIS LIFE

Policeman Breaks Down Door and Finds Louis Morrison Dying.

STOVE IN MOUTH

Had Suffered by Attack of Typhoid Fever, From Which He Never Recovered.

Temporarily deranged, it is believed s the result of an attack of typhoic fever last summer, Louis M. Morrison, thirty-three years old, of 1103 South Carolina avenue southeast, committed suicide this morning by inhaling Illumi nating gas.

Sitting in a chair with his hands i his overcoat pockets and a rubber tub connected with a gas water heater, Mor rison was found unconscious soon after o'clock in a small room in the real will not exercise the right of suffrage of the barber shop which he conducted while William Howard Taft is Presi- He died a few minutes after reaching Casualty Hospital.

Detecting the odor of gas, a woman who occupies apartments over the bar Romer, of the Fifth precinct. Romer forced an entrance through the rear of A hurry call was sent to the hospital

but life was almost extinct when the About 8 o'cleck last night Morrison eft his place of business, saying that he to grant suffrage to the people of was not feeling well, and was going ome. He did not go home, however and the police think he returned to the

shop after midnight. He had conducted the shop for sev ral years. Familiarly known as "Mike" Morrison, he had a wide circle of friends in the southeast section of the city, where he had lived all his life, Besides his wife and young son, Mor-

Concerning His

Plans.

ay were answered by the unsatisfac-

ory statement that the King's plans

AFTER QUICK TRIP

CRUISER IS BACK



LOUIS MORRISON.

two brothers, who live at 405 Tenth street southeast.

s morning: I had known 'Mike' for a number of I that her husband had killed him-

After viewing the remains Corone ritt gave a certificate of death by dee, and the body was taken in rge by an undertaker.

this time that in the early part of his Berlin Papers Says American Hitchcock Wants Fulton Reand German Friends Are elected Despite Lawmakers' Pledges. Working Hard.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

BERLIN, Jan. 3 .- German and Amerformer American ambassador to Gercany, are making a strenuous effort at Washington to have him named as the successor of Whitelaw Reid, at the ourt of St. James, according to today's

ain, Democrat, who won in the pri-The Tagblatt professes to have posi-The movement is likely to fail, the nacceptable. Ge many fears that the

choice for the English post will be Dr. hopeful than for weeks past, and are vivors from the stricken districts to making strong claims, out at Portland, Genoa, Naples, Florence, and other big on the strength of their success in enlisting Hitchcock. They believe this means that the Taft administration sib will take care of legislators who vio- ports

> The Oregon Legislature is overwhelm ingly Republican, but in the statewid primary the majority of the legislator were instructed to you for Chamber (Continued on Third Page.)

KING EDWARD FEARS CHURCH PERMITS TO ALARM SUBJECTS

No Statement Is Given Out Rev. Winbigler's Resignation Accepted After Hot Discussion.

torate, but to devote hirself to the teaching of his advanced ideas in religion and healing out ide of the church. As soon as the shot was fired at him, Caldwell drew his gun and fired twice at the man, who turned and ran, pursors that it followed a demand by a certain faction of the church that the pastor cease his exploitation of his healing the Gospel. The lectures on the therapeutic subjects continued, however, although in halls and the sermons seemed for resume something of their wonted concern with the old-fashioned tests.

So was able to return the fire.

As soon as the shot was fired at him, Caldwell drew his gun and fired twice at the man, purson the fire at the man, who turned and ran, pursoned the precision of the Ohion Democrat, who also fired two shots.

In spite of the threats and the averted assimation. Caldwell still refuses a military guard, but he is now guarded by detectives and deputy sheriffs.

Mr. Caldwell, who for seven years has filled the position of prosecuting, attorney wonted concern with the old-fashioned tests.

Starts Investigation.

Sixth precinct, arrived at the noise and was overcome, and immediately started an investigation. There was no odor of gas in the room, and the policeman found in the room, and the policema FORT MONROE, Va., Jan. 3.-The the therapeutic subjects continued, howcruiser North Carolina arrived this ever, although in halls and the sermons morning from Venezuela, after a record seemed to resume something of their

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THE SUEZ CANAL

No Mention of Earthquake, But It Is Known Quick Passage Is Asked.

TENTATIVE PLANS MADE FOR RELIEF

Should Conditions in Italy Not Change for Better All Ships May Go There.

Navy Department, announcing the ar rival of the sixteen warships at Suez, the mouth of the Suez canal, In his message, which was in cipher earthquake in Italy, and suggested no movements for the fleet in consequence No reply has yet been sent to the Admiral's telegram, and none will be sent until tomorrow, after Congress has had an opportunity to act with respecto relief by this Government for the Italian earthquake suferers.

It is known through unofficial dishat Admiral Sperry, has communicated with the American consul a tCairo, asking him to pervall upon the canal authorities to give him quick passage. the canal as expeditiously as possible, but it is expected that in view of the great suffering in southern Italy and the

By J. C. WELLIVER.

Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, and President Republican actions are a strategic point to render assistance.

These vessels will be at a strategic point to render assistance. President Roosevelt have a sharp dis- They will undoubtedly be instructed to The American battleship fleet, cruising agreement about the Oregon senatorial draw upon their stores in such quan- around the world, arrived at Suez, at titles as is possible, while their men can the mouth of the Suez canal this mornaid in the relief work.

mary, elected to the Senate in place of through the canal first. They will then of the arrival of the gunboat Scorpion Charles W. Fulton, Republican. Hitch- proceed to the ports called for in their at Messina, in the heart of the stricken' necessary, ock wants Fulton re-elected, and the hinerary. It was known today through eport is that he has taken steps to use a dispatch from Ambassador Griscor

PASTOR TO LEAVE Many Threats Against D. J. Caldwell, Night Rider Prosecutor.

CENSORSHIP IS CLAMPED ON ITALIAN REPORTS

SHIP LOAD OF SUPPLIES NEEDED SAYS GRISCOM IN CABLE TO ROOT

Rome, January 3, 1909. Received 10:30 a. m. Secretary of State, Washington, D. C .:

January 2, I have today drawn on you for \$70,000 and paid equivalent to Italian Red Cross, in two sums, \$50,000 from American Red Cross and \$20,000 from Christian Herald.

I have today seen president of Italian Red Cross, who desires me to inform American Red Cross as follows:

"Problem of relief very vast. Includes feeding, clothing destitute on scene immediately, and quickly moving nearly whole surviving population from stricken districts to other parts of Italy. Transportation involves special difficulties. Much money is needed, but if America desires to offer practical aid immediately a ship could be chartered by telegraph at Marselles or Genoa, and loaded with blankets, clothing, linen, preserved meats, condensed milk, medical supplies, and similar useful materials. Ore or more such ships under the direction of the Italian Red Cross would be useful as transports, and at the same time could deposit stores where needed along the coast. The Italian Red Cross has not yet clearly worked out how all the difficulties of relief are to be solved. Supplies are now needed in Sicily and Calabria, but in about two weeks, when the destitute have been removed, will be needed in Naples, Rome, Florence, and other cities, where the sufferers are being distributed."

I will be personally glad to co-operate with our Red Cross to carry out any plans. There are many Americans in Rome anxious GRISCOM. to assist in relief measures.

RELIEF IS NEEDED BY THE SUFFERERS providing no unforeseen emergency

view of the fact that the today clamped an iron cento pass through the canal Funds for Help of the Ones Affected by Earthquake in Sicily.

So great is the problem that the Italian Red Cross does not yet know how to According to the itmerary made for solve it, and a strong appeal is made he fleet months ago, the battleships for additional relief from America. Sev-Georgia, Nebraska, Kentucky, Wiscon- enty thousand of the \$170,000 sent to Amsin, Illinois, and Kearsarge, six in all, bassador Griscom has been drawn by are to go to Italian ports, the first three him and given to the Italian Red Cross.

These yessels will undoubtedly be sent Navy officials are hourly awaiting news

Devastation in the stricken portions of colstrict. It is thought that the little admiral in Italy is complete and needed relief Lunboat will arrive today to render what measures are vast, according to a cipher relief is possible. No orders have been dispatch received by Secretary of State sent to Admiral Sperry, commanding the the exact Root from Ambassador Griscom at battleship fleet, but it is understood at

the surply ship Culgoa, which has been at Suez for three days swaiting the arrival of the battleship fleet, will flected on the efficiency of the relief provision the ships as rapidly as possible and will leave either tonight or early tomorrow with the balance of her stores for the certification of the relief work. tores for the earthquake sufferers. Thousands of dollars are pouring in t

The ruin and suffering in Italy is beyond belief, and heroic measures on the part of the whole civilized world are

BOYS PLOT MURDER;

IS AT WORK AGAIN! ARE LANDED IN JAIL

Bad Gas Fumes.

de gas, which has caused the death bouse at 341 Pennsylvania avenue north-

in the same maner as three members of stolen hundreds of dollars worth of jewthe Bremerman family met death is due clry and destroyed thousands of dollars

Prostrate on Floor.

One of the other roomers who hur-

after he had recovered sufficiently the two brought in the four boys to-

Old Gas Company Employe Two of Gang Charged With gion. Has Narrow Escape From | Robbing Apartment Houses | Confess.

Emboldened by their success in robbing and committing depredations in a complaint of the lack of effective orof four persons in the District re- dozen fine apartment houses of the ganization, which resulted, among other cently, Patrick Bowe, sitxy-five years northwest section, a gang of negro things, in a shipload of provisions parof age, an employe of the Washing- boys was planning to add murder to tially rotting in the strait of Messina, ton Gas Light Company, was taken to their crimes when four of them were the Casualty Hospital in an uncon- arrested this afternoon. Two of the news centers are complaining bitterly of scious condition this morning from his four confessed, their story being a re- the censorship, and say the policy will room on the third floor of the lodging markable one of a group whose ideal greatly hinder the work of relief from was to be a fearless robber crew, ever abroad, as it tends to rob the situation seeking blood and loot. For months the police have been

That Bowe's life was not snuffed out searching for the maranders who have militia are scouring the town and the surrounding country for the would-be assassin who last night tried to kill State's Attorney D. J. Caldwell, because, and smoked.

> The four arrested are Frank Mercer, ried to the room found Bowe lying on sixteen, of 19 Green's court northwest; flor in front of a small gas stove James Butler, twenty-two, of 721 Fourth on which he had been heating a basin of water. The Casualty Hospital ambulance was summoned, and the physicians worked over the aged man for acarly two hours before he regained.
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> Detectives a Bribee and Vermillion have been working on the course of the c been working on the cases of the rebonsciousness.
> "I was standing in front of the stove, beries and destruction of property in

> > Mercer and Butler admitted the whole

BEFORE BEING SENT

Government Heads Off More Harrowing Stories of Disaster.

KEPT BUSY DENYING SHOCKING REPORTS

Believed Veil Was Drawn to Hide Inefficiency of Relief Leaders.

CATANIA, Jan. 3.-Dyna mite was used on scores of wrecked buildings in this city today. The frequent explosions threw the nerve-racked people into another panic of fear, and they refused to be assured.

ROME, Jan. 3.-King Emmanuel sent word this afternoon that he and Queen Helen will leave for Rome tomorrow,

ROME, Jan. 3.—The Italian govsorship on practically every telegraph wire in Italy,

Henceforth the stories that the scores of foreign correspondents write must be softened in tone to nsure their transmission.

The government has virtually drawn the veil on the more horrible through unofficial dispatches, that the admiral will make all haste through the for no other apparent reason than

Your correspondent succeeded in getting out this message ahead of the American National Red Cross for the suffering Italians. This morning's mall brought many big contributions from individuals, State branches, and one from the Benevolent and Protections from the Benevolent and Protections. from making these declarations.

Denying Stories.

The government is busy today with denials of the stories of fights between the soldiers and looters, the mad rush of crazed and starving survivors for the supplies of food, the lack of system in the work of relief, the devouring of bodies by mad dogs and carrion birds, and many other of the fearsomely grewsome reports from the stricken re-

Yet every one of these stories is vouched for by eyewitnesses, including correspondents who declare that lauguage is incapable of expressing the full

horror of the situation. King Emmanuel himself made bitter The correspondents at the various

of its harrowing features. There is no change today in the estimates of dead. No estimate is below 150,000, few are above 200,000;

Nation Mourns.

Italy today was a nation of moure ing. The day being Sunday, all the grief and anguish that had been sup pressed under the stupefaction of the week seemed to break forth, and it is doubtful if there is a family in all Italy that did not give way today to tears over the sorrow that most of them felt personally and all of them from a na-

Churches throughout the nation held special services, and the outpouri the people was so great that in se f places outdoor services were held. apartment houses for some time, and In the cities that are filled with the survivors these services were particu-larly tragic. Thousands of dollars were realized in collections taken for the suf-

ferers.
A special mass for the dead was celebrated at the vatican. The Pope spent much of the day in going among the 500 survivors to whom he has given refuge in an improvised hospital in the

Words of Comfort.

ministrations. The Pepe knelt by many of the cots, speaking words of comfort

"It is one of the saddest days in my life," he remarked, "and yet in another sense it is one of the happiest. It has given me the opportunity of ministering personally to the needs of the distressed. I wish I could do it always: My poor children, my poor children, Oh. how my heart goes out to them. I only wish now that I had followed the King's example and gone to the scene." The King and Queen are expected to return to Rome tonight, though the last